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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
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BLEED-THROUGH ON CAPTURED  
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**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.